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Applicant:	SATO, Takaya et al.	Conf.:
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Filed:	August 29, 2001	Examiner:
For:	LITHIUM BASED BATTERY	

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents August 29, 2001 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Amended) A lithium based battery according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said extensible high polymer sheet is made from at least one kind selected from a group consisting of a polyamide based elastomer, a polyurethane based elastomer, a polyolefin based elastomer, a polyester based elastomer, a styrene elastomer, a polyester based elastomer, a styrene based elastomer, a vinyl chloride based elastomer, and a fluorine based elastomer.

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## <u>REMARKS</u>

The Amendment to the claims is merely to delete improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present Amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Version with Markings Showing Changes Made (Rev. 03/27/01)

## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) A lithium based battery according to any one of claims 1 to [5] <u>4</u>, wherein said extensible high polymer sheet is made from at least one kind selected from a group consisting of a polyamide based elastomer, a polyurethane based elastomer, a polyolefin based elastomer, a polyester based elastomer, a styrene based elastomer, a vinyl chloride based elastomer, and a fluorine based elastomer.

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